

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1(currently amended). A method for obtaining audio files ~~music system~~ comprising:
- (a) a ~~server containing a plurality of digital songs;~~ and
 - (b) ~~a user obtaining a plurality of different songs from said server, wherein said~~
 ~~obtaining is not in the nature of a rental, a lease, or a lending.~~ user selecting an
 audio file from a provider;
 - (b) transferring a copy of said audio file to said user;
 - (c) said provider not providing another copy of said audio file to another user while said
 user has said copy of said audio file;
 - (d) said user no longer having said audio file; and
 - (e) said provider making available said audio file to another user.
- 2(new). The method of claim 1 wherein said transferring is after ownership of said
 audio file is transferred to said user.
- 3(new). The method of claim 1 wherein said provider has ownership rights to two
 copies of said audio file.

- 4(new). The method of claim 1 wherein said provider has ownership of a corresponding compact disk having said audio file in a format having a substantially larger size.
- 5(new). The method of claim 1 wherein said provider ensures a copy of said audio file is not provided to another before said transferring.
- 6(new). The method of claim 5 wherein said transferring is performed if said provider has ownership right in more than one copy of said audio file.
- 7(new). The method of claim 1 wherein said user provides ownership rights in said audio file to said provider.
- 8(new). The method of claim 1 wherein said user purchases an album from said provider.
- 9(new). The method of claim 1 wherein said transfer is not in the nature of a rental, a lease, lending, or by any other act or practice in the nature of rental, lease, or lending.
- 10(new). The method of claim 1 wherein said user has ownership of a plurality of audio files in the custody of said provider.

11(new). The method of claim 10 wherein said audio files are on a plurality of
different albums.

12(new). The method of claim 11 wherein said albums are compact disks.